

## Today's News - May 17, 2004

Today's must-read is about Toronto - but could be any/where: "The deplorable thing about the current star system in architecture isn't, finally, that there are stars...It is, rather, that the result is uninspired buildings" (and a rush on napkin art). - In the U.K., a look back at "the beginning of a rather damp and foggy venture into the world of royal patronage." - Making brownfields beautiful in Ottawa. - Exploring the 21st century landscape: lots of stories..take your pick. - Jane Jacobs has her say. - Koolhaas in Seattle: Muschamp is honored to review (and has a few choice words for some other Seattle icons); Goldberger is thrilled; the city is proud (this won't be the last we'll hear, we're sure). - A library re-do in St. Louis is a desecration. - A Washington, DC, "gateway" that could have been better. - Mayne is back in the mainstream. - Malaysian architect making waves. - FutureShack at home in Manhattan. - Deadline looms for smart growth awards. - Boston's Bunker Hill bridge wins big.

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[The \\$195-Million Scribble and Other Tales of Seduction from Our Romance with Celebrity Architects: can Toronto, the ugly duckling of North America, finally become the gorgeous metropolis it deserves to be? - Frank Gehry; Daniel Libeskind; Will Alsop; Jane Jacobs](#)- Toronto Life

[Life after carbuncles: Twenty years ago today, Prince Charles denounced modern architecture. Did he make any difference? Yes, says Jonathan Glancey, but not in a way anyone expected](#)- Guardian (UK)

[It's all about the Plan: Development plans attempt to turn brown fields into a place of beauty: LeBreton Flats -- 65 hectares of riverfront real estate -- is about to be revived. Shortlist: Le Groupe Cardinal Hardy/Lyse Tremblay; Dan Hanganu/Daoust Lestage; Barry Hobin & Associates/Hotson Bakker Architects/Les Architectes Boutros & Pratte \[images\]](#)- Ottawa Citizen (Canada)

[unNatural Beauty: The Making of a 21st Century Landscape - Martha Schwartz; Jacques Wirtz; Ken Smith; James Corner/Field Operations; West 8; D.I.R.T. Studio; Peter Latz; Jens Jensen; etc.](#)- New York Times Magazine

[The Greening of the City: As offices move to the suburbs, nature takes up residence downtown. By Jane Jacobs](#)- New York Times Magazine

[Pioneering Revitalization: Urbanist Jane Jacobs' Quest Takes Root in Downtown. By Sam Hall Kaplan](#)- Los Angeles Downtown News

[The Library That Puts on Fishnets and Hits the Disco: Seattle gets a rock-candy masterpiece, wrapped in glittering crystal and folded like origami. By Herbert Muschamp - Rem Koolhaas/OMA; LMN Architects \[images & slide show\]](#)- New York Times

[High-Tech Bibliophilia: Rem Koolhaas's new library in Seattle is an ennobling public space...thrilling from top to bottom. By Paul Goldberger - Joshua Ramus/Office for Metropolitan Architecture; LMN Architects](#)- New Yorker

[Avant-garde architect reinvents Seattle's new library - Rem Koolhaas/OMA; LMN Architects \[images & links to related stories\]](#)- Seattle Times

[Seattle's LMN architects part of library team - Rem Koolhaas/OMA](#)- Seattle Times

[Washington University tarnishes its former architectural jewel \[John M. Olin Library\]; Kallmann, McKinnell & Wood, Boston, were architects of what can be described only as desecration. By Robert W. Duffy - Murphy & Mackey \[image\]](#)- St. Louis Post-Dispatch

[Mandarin Hotel Steps Into the Past: Like it or not -- and for me it's mostly not -- Washington has a new architectural gateway... By Benjamin Forgey - Brennan Beer Gorman Monk Architects \[image\]](#)- Washington Post

[An Iconoclastic Architect Turns Theory Into Practice: Having slipped from view after the architecture boom of the 1980's, the designer Thom Mayne \[of Morphosis\] is back on the A-list for prestigious commissions.](#)- New York Times

[Playing with light and shadows: This lakeside ville in Qingpu, Shanghai, exemplifies Malaysian architect's forte in combining structure and material to suit the surroundings and climate of an area. - Chan Soo Khian/SCDA Architects](#)- The Star (Malaysia)

[FutureShack: A Home for the Displaced: the recycled shipping container now stationed on the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum's lawn. By Linda Hales - Sean Godsell; Architecture for Humanity \[image\]](#)- Washington Post

[June 15 Deadline Approaching for Smart Growth Alliance Recognition Programs](#)- Smart Growth Alliance (SGA)

[Leonard P. Zakim Bunker Hill Bridge \[Boston\] Named 2004 Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement \[image\]](#)- American Society of Civil Engineers

-- Winning team: [Inside Outside Group/Michael Maltzan Architects/Mirko Zardini; Biblioteca degli Alberi, Giardini di Porta Nuova, Milan](#)  
-- Ville Hara: [HUT Wood Studio Workshop, Korkeasaari Lookout Tower, Helsinki](#)

[Zoo, Finland](#)

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